

**Federal Transit Administration**

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**24th ANNUAL ENGINEERS' MEETING**

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**JUNE 11-13, 2008**

Capital Hilton  
1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20036

# AGENDA

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Day 1  
Wednesday, June 11, 2008  
FTA Staff Only

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<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>South American B</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:30PM</b>	<b>Opening and Introduction</b> Susan E. Schruth, Associate Administrator for Program Management
<b>1:30 – 1:45PM</b>	<b>Meeting Overview</b> Aaron C. James, Sr., Director Office of Engineering
<b>1:45PM – 2:30PM</b>	<b>Technical Expectations of the PMOC</b> <u>Moderator:</u> John Bell, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> Ray Tellis, TRO-9; Melody Hopson, Susan Herre, TPM-20
<b>2:30 – 3:00PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:00 – 3:45PM</b>	<b>New Starts Team Panel – Is it Getting Better?</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Sean Libberton, Deputy Associate Administrator for Program Management <u>Panel:</u> Brian Glenn, TRO-3, Trina Reese, TPM-20, Amy Changchien, TRO-10, Matt Keamy, TRO-1
<b>3:45 – 4:30PM</b>	<b>Panel Discussion on the Risk Assessment Process</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Tony Zakel, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> Tiffany Gallegos, TRO-8; Steve Bhattacharya, TPM-20, Hans PointduJour, TRO-2, Dudley Whyte, TRO-4
<b>4:30 – 4:45PM</b>	<b>Wrap-Up/Tomorrow's Agenda Discussion</b> Aaron C. James, Director Office of Engineering

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**Day 2**  
**Thursday, June 12, 2008**  
**FTA Staff & PMO Program Consultants**

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<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>South American Room</b>
<b>8:00 – 9:30AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast &amp; Networking</b>
<b>9:30 – 10:00AM</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Susan E. Schruth, Associate Administrator for Program Management
<b>10:30 – 11:15AM</b>	<b>FTA Administrator Remarks</b> James S. Simpson, Administrator
<b>11:15 – 11:30AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:00PM</b>	<b>Meeting Overview and Office of Engineering Updates</b> Aaron C. James, Sr., Director Office of Engineering
<b>12:00 – 1:00PM</b>	<b>LUNCH (provided) - Congressional Room</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:15PM</b>	<b>PMOC Procurement Status and Schedule</b> James Harper, Director Office of Procurement
	<b>PMOC Operating Procedures (OP's)</b> John Bell, Office of Engineering
	<b>ANPRM Status</b> Carlos Garay, TPM-20
<b>2:15 – 3:00PM</b>	<b>FTA State of Good Repair Initiative</b> Sean Libberton, Deputy Associate Administrator Office of Program Management
	<b>New Starts Policy Update</b> Elizabeth Day, Director, Office of Project Planning
<b>3:00 – 3:20PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:20 – 4:45PM</b>	<b>Small Starts and Very Small Starts Requirements Panel</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Kim Nguyen, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> Nadeem Tahir, TRO-9; Maurice Foushee, TPE; Bill Kalt, TRO-7; Kam Shadan, GFI
	<b>New Starts Project Lessons-Learned Panel</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Susan Herre, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> Dudley Whyte, TRO-4; Carlos Garay, TPM-20; Allison Agliardo, IEI; Steve Saxton, TRO-10

**5:00 – 7:00PM**

**Reception - Statler Room**

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**Day 3**  
**Friday, June 13, 2008**  
**FTA Staff & PMO Program Consultants**

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<b>Meeting Room</b>	<b>South American Room</b>
<b>8:00 – 8:30AM</b>	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:30AM</b>	<b>Determination of Grantee Technical Capacity Panel</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Tony Zakel, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> John Fisher, Jacobs; Robert Kanzler, TRO-3; Vince Gallagher, Hill International; Cyrell McLemore, TRO-5
<b>9:30 – 10:00AM</b>	<b>FTA Participation with MTA Blue Ribbon Panel</b> Matthew Keamy, TRO-1
<b>10:00 – 10:20AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:20 – 11:00AM</b>	<b>New Starts Tunnel Lessons-Learned Panel</b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mike O'Connor, Office of Engineering <u>Panel:</u> Dan Reich, Burns; Ralph Branche, TRO-2; Mike Wetherell, Urban Engineers; Deborah Boe, Shaw
<b>11:00 – 12:00PM</b>	<b>Industry Trends from the Contractor's Perspective</b> <u>Presented by:</u> Bill Conis, Director Business Development, Siemens Transportation Systems Phillip "Pip" Shepley, Senior Vice President, Mass Electric Construction Company
<b>12:00 – 1:00PM</b>	<b>LUNCH (provided) - Congressional Room</b>
<b>1:00 – 1:30PM</b>	<b>PMOC Feedback</b> Frank McCarron, Booz Allen Vince Gallagher, Hill International
<b>1:30 – 2:30PM</b>	<b>PMOC Report Acceptance Quality Levels (AQL's)</b> Aaron James, Director, Office of Engineering  <b>PMO Program Performance Evaluation Results (2007)</b> Philip Helmes, Vice President, CRA
<b>2:30 – 2:40PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:40 – 3:00PM</b>	<b>Evaluation and Wrap-Up</b> Aaron James, Director, Office of Engineering